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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO HMG INITIATIVES ON UK BUSINESS PRACTICES IN  
SA.

REF: PRETORIA 1870

1. REACTIONS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS TO HMG TRADE MINISTER'S  
STATEMENT ON INCREASING BLACK WAGES ( SEE REFTEL)  
GENERALLY NEGATIVE. GENERAL THEME OF STATEMENTS BY LOCAL UK BUSINESS-  
MEN AND LONDON BASED UK-SA TRADE ASSOCIATION IS THAT BLACK  
WORKING CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING BUT CANNOT BE DONE OVERNIGHT.  
THIS ACCOMPANIED BY THREAT THAT IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN WAGES  
TO 50 PERCENT ABOVE PDL WOULD ONLY RESULT IN INCREASED BLACK  
UNEMPLOYMENT AS UK FIRMS WOULD BE FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS AND/OR  
INCREASED MECHANIZATION, ALSO REVIVED IS QUESTION OF  
VALIDITY OF PDL COMPUTATIONS.

2. COMMENT: ARGUMENTS ADVANCED IN THIS ISSUE ARE OLD  
CHESTNUTS. KEY IS OF COURSE INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY WHICH IS  
LARGELY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY AND WHICH WAS SO RECOGNIZED  
IN UK-SA TRADE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT.

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